

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1, 4 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 3, 5 and 7 and add claim 8 to read as follows.

1.-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~wherein the recording head is detachably mountable to said carriage, and said apparatus is provided with 5, further comprising~~ a casing having an opening for detachably mounting the recording head to said carriage.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein~~
A recording apparatus for effecting recording on a recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

a carriage for carrying a recording head and being scanningly movable in said apparatus;

a platen for supporting a recording medium at a position opposed to the recording head;

a guide shaft, disposed at a position upstream of a recording position where the

recording head is opposed to said platen, with respect to a feeding direction of the recording medium, for guiding a scanning movement of said carriage;

a belt, disposed at a same side as said guide shaft with respect to the recording position and for transmitting a driving force to said carriage;

a guide rail, disposed at a side across the recording position from said guide shaft with respect to the feeding direction of the recording medium, for guiding the scanning movement of said carriage;

an encoder scale, having a recorded information relating to positions of said carriage with respect to the scanning direction, for determining information relating to a position of said carriage;

an encoder sensor, provided on said carriage, for detecting the information relating to the position of said carriage with respect to the scanning direction, said encoder sensor being disposed at a side across the recording position from said guide shaft with respect to the feeding direction of the recording medium;

a head set lever for mounting and demounting of the recording head relative to said carriage; and

a latch engagement portion for engagement with a latch portion of head set lever,
said latch engagement portion is being disposed at a lateral side of said encoder sensor with respect to the scanning direction of said carriage.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein~~

A recording apparatus for effecting recording on a recording medium, said apparatus comprising:

a carriage for carrying a recording head and being scanningly movable in said apparatus;

a platen for supporting a recording medium at a position opposed to the recording head;

a guide shaft, disposed at a position upstream of a recording position where the recording head is opposed to said platen, with respect to a feeding direction of the recording medium, for guiding a scanning movement of said carriage;

a belt, disposed at a same side as said guide shaft with respect to the recording position, for transmitting a driving force to said carriage;

a guide rail, disposed at a side across the recording position from said guide shaft with respect to the feeding direction of the recording medium, for guiding the scanning movement of said carriage;

an encoder scale, having recorded information relating to positions of said carriage with respect to the scanning direction, for determining information relating to a position of said carriage;

an encoder sensor, provided on said carriage, for detecting the information relating to the position of said carriage with respect to the scanning direction, said encoder sensor being disposed at a side across the recording position from said guide shaft with respect to

the feeding direction of the recording medium;

a head set lever for mounting and demounting of the recording head relative to said carriage. said head set lever is being supported on said carriage for rotation substantially coaxially with said guide shaft; and

a latch engagement portion for engagement with a latch portion of head set lever.

8. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 7, further comprising a casing having a opening for detachably mounting the recording head to said carriage.